

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached replacement sheets for the sheets containing Figs. 2, 10, and 13 of the drawings as originally filed.

Fig. 2 has been amended to correct the designation of reference numeral 5. Figs. 10 and 13 have been amended to correct the designation of reference numeral 59.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) and receipt of the certified priority document, as well as the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 15, 2003. Applicants request that the Examiner provide an endorsed copy of Form PTO-1449 with the next official communication. No copy was provided with the outstanding Office Action.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors, and the abstract of the disclosure has been amended to address informalities indicated in the Office Action. Both clean and marked-up versions have been provided for the Examiner's convenience.

The claims have been amended to place them in better form for issue, including appropriate changes to address the alleged indefiniteness. Accordingly, this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time

is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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